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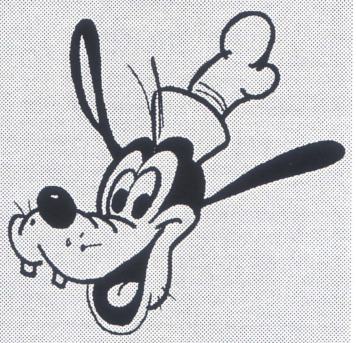
"How To Haunt a House"

Production is Fast and Furious in Florida on New Goofy Short

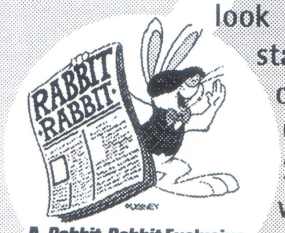
Three weeks ago, Feature Animation Florida received an interesting package from Buena Vista Television Animation. It was basically a "Movie In A Box," complete with X-sheets, workbooks, background keys, prop designs and story reel for a six-minute Goofy short titled "How To Haunt a House." Production is already well underway on this project and with a scheduled finish date of May 8, work will be fast and furious.

"How To Haunt A House" will air on the Disney Channel's new weekly cartoon series, MouseWorks, and may be released on film in select countries. It stars everyone's favorite klutz, Goofy, as a ghost who is learning the ins and outs of haunting a house. Donald Duck appears in a supporting role, with Mickey and Clarabell Cow both making cameos as well.



This short promises to be a great experience for the Florida Studio as we look forward to the start of production on *Lilo and Stitch*. Chuck Williams, Aaron Blaise and Ingrid Sander will be heading up this project and with the exception of Digital Production, work will run through all departments.

-- contributed by Jay Carducci, *Rabbit Rabbit*

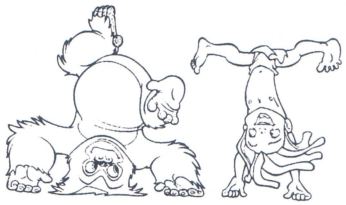


A *Rabbit Rabbit* Exclusive

View the Tarzan Trailer Today

- **crew dailies schedule**
  northside 11, 11:30 & 12:05
  southside 12:45, 1:15 & 1:45

- **BONUS SHOWING!**
  southside from 4-4:30 p.m.



Tarzan Jackets Have Arrived!

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Shuttle Hours Next Week:

December 28 -31

Only one shuttle will be in service. Pickups at Northside will be on the hour and half-hour. Pickups at Southside will be on the quarter hour. The last shuttle will leave Southside at 6:15 p.m. Normal shuttle service will resume on Monday, January 4th, 1999.

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Happy Holidays from Kingdom of the Sun!

The new *Kingdom of the Sun* team is thrilled to announce that they are officially back on track! We had a very positive notes session after our screening of Act One, and we now have Peter and Tom's blessings to move forward with the new tone and direction of our project.

Big thanks go to our super Writing and Story Team and hats off to Recording and Editorial for bringing these sequences to visual and audible life! We're green-lit to press on with casting and boarding on Act Two with a combined screening of Acts One and Two due in early March.

We also wish to express our gratitude to our Digital Production team that put in a great effort on the former Kingdom—we wish them luck as they move on to their next projects. We are also pleased to welcome Steve Anderson as our new Head of Story.

Happy Holidays to you, and we'll be back with more good stuff in '99!

-- contributed by the *Kingdom* crew

production news & updates

"Insects know no national or cultural boundaries, and we hope that 'A Bug's Life' touches audiences around the globe, as it has here in the U.S."

-- Pixar CEO Steve Jobs

Happy Birthday, Snow White!

MILESTONE:
On December 21, 1937, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* debuted as the first full-length animated feature in history.

QUICKTAKES

Congratulations to Our Golden Globe Nominees

Randy Newman, who wrote the score for *A Bug's Life* and *Mulan's* Jerry Goldsmith received "Original Score - Motion Picture" nominations for the 1999 Golden Globes announced December 17. Songwriters Matthew Wilder and David Zippel also received a Best Original Song-Motion Picture nomination for "Reflection."

"A Bug's Life" Rules World's Box Office

Only one week after opening in six international markets, *A Bug's Life* is the world's box office leader with a total of $7.3 million in overseas sales. (source: Bloomberg, Dec. 15, 1998)

"Bugs Bloopers" Part II

The outtakes shown at the end of *A Bug's Life* film have proven to be so popular, there is now a second set of "bloopers" currently running in theaters. "Bug's" Director **John Lasseter** says, "It was hard to decide which ones to use in the initial release. Now that we've had such an incredible response from moviegoers, we're thrilled to be able to swap out the original bunch for a whole new group of 'bloopers'." You can still view the old outtakes at their website **http://www.abugslife.com.** (source: *LA Times*, Dec. 15, 1998)

The Voice Behind the Bavarian Caterpillar, "Heimlich"

Pixar's **Joe Ranft** is getting a lot of press for doing double duty as both story supervisor and as the voice of Heimlich the Bavarian caterpillar in *A Bug's Life*. A graduate of Cal Arts, Joe came to Disney in 1980 and worked on features, *The Little Mermaid, Who Framed Roger Rabbit, and The Rescuers Down Under.* He joined Pixar to work on *Toy Story* in 1995. (source: *LA Times*, Dec. 11, 1998)

Holiday Traditions

Hans Bacher, Annie Award Winner, Visual Development: "I'll be missing snow"

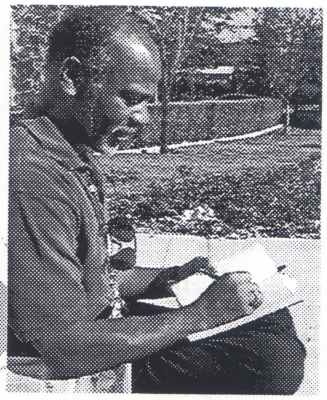
"This year, I'll be staying at home ... traditionally, in Germany, we celebrate on December 24, on Christmas eve. We gather around 6 p.m, and we'll have smoked salmon, drink wine and listen to old christmas carols. Another tradition in many homes is to put apples in the oven, which fills the house with the scent of apples to create a nice atmosphere."

Jeff Deckman, *Dinosaur:* "No Mincemeat Pie!"

"I'm spending it with my girl-friend's family, and she and her mother will be making a traditional Southern meal. It will also be the first time her family and mine will get together for the holidays."

Jeff and a prehistoric "Dinosaur" lamp, circa 1950s garage sale

What are YOU doing for the holidays?



Ron sketches the lunchtime scene at Northside

Ron Husband, *Atlantis:*

"When my kids were little, we used to go to Disneyland every year on Christmas eve. And on Christmas day, we'd measure the kids to see how much they'd grown. Our closet door has heights and dates from when they were little to their college years. My sons Mikal and Jai are all grown now, so it'll be the three of us this year, my daughter Melissa, my wife LaVonne and myself, at home for the holidays."

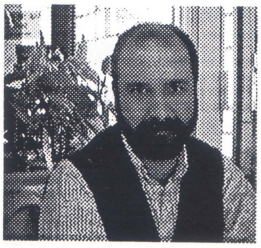
Mike Larkin, House Painter, ETG: Football!

"This year as a family, we're painting my sister's new house, and then, we're going to the Rose Bowl to watch UCLA triumph!"

Dhari Balvin, Snowboarder, Communications: "Counting all my blessings."

Sarah Crawford, Equestrienne, Operations: Vegas

"We're starting a new tradition this year ... we're going to Vegas! Hopefully, I'll win enough money to buy myself a horse."



Antonio Navarro, Comic Book Author, *Kingdom of the Sun:*

"I'll be in Spain visiting family and friends. I remember as a kid, I always looked forward to "Three Kings Day" which takes place on January 5 and 6. For kids, this is the big celebration -- bigger than Santa Claus. On the night of January 5, a glass of brandy and a vessel of water for their camels is set out for the arrival of the 'Reyes Magos' the magician kings, and in the morning, we'd open the gifts that they'd left for us."

California Breaks On Through to Florida's Side

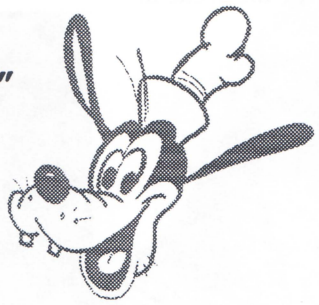
California may finally have cracked through Florida's defensive wall this past week!! If you listen very carefully you may be able to here the sounds of agonized screams coming from beyond the eastern horizon. California is back on the attack and this time there will be no prisoners taken. CHARGE!!!!! *-- Hendel Butoy, Chess Tourney Commissioner*

Continue the Attack!

Let's continue California's winning streak! Just visit the chess boards at the Southside Second Floor Concourse and the Northside Game Room.

show your id

CORRECTION ON DISCOUNTS... "OUR GOOF"



A Thousand and One Apologies to Our Readers

Last week's Bark announcement that Disney Discount would apply on Feature Animation sweatshirts and CD holders was incorrect. *We apologize for ANY and ALL inconvenience this may have caused our readers and to The Disney University Employee Centers' Krista Cheshire and Marieanne Rouse.*

-- Employee Services

LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS?

The Disney Store at the Studio Lot will have extended holiday hours.

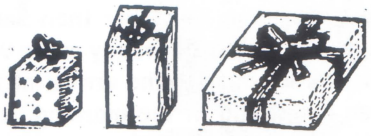
DECEMBER 21-23: 8AM-8PM

DECEMBER 24: 8AM-3PM

50% OFF SALE

DECEMBER 28: 7AM-8PM

If you have any questions, please call Mary Lou at 8228 x7750.



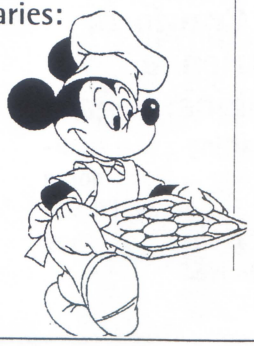
Commissary Hours

Thursday, December 24

Northside: Closing at Noon
Southside: Closing at 1 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, December 28-31

Both Commissaries: Closing at 2 p.m.



A Message from ARL'S Cap'n Video

Fox Carney ...

"When returning any or all Audio, Video, Laser or DVD material to the Animation Research Library,

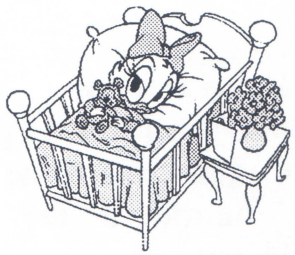
please use either a direct courier or a FA 'Bennie' driver.

Please do **NOT** *use Interoffice Mail. Thank you!"*

Congratulations!

Welcome, Baby Madison!

Niko Frangos, *Tarzan,* and his wife Vicky welcomed Madison Amelia into their lives on November 20.



Weighing in at 9 lbs., 8 oz., and 20 3/4", baby Madison is "our first child, and she's keeping us real busy," says proud dad Niko.

Have you recently celebrated a big event or welcomed an addition to your life? Please share your good news with the Twilight Bark at tie line **8247 x2536.**

A MESSAGE FROM HERC ...

Your *Hercules* Cel is ready and waiting to be picked up! Just give **Cherie McGowan** over at Gallery Cels a call, and she'll come to the rescue.
(tie line 8228 x5430)

Class is in Session!

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, all regularly scheduled drawing classes have been canceled from **Monday, December 21** through **Friday, January 1.**

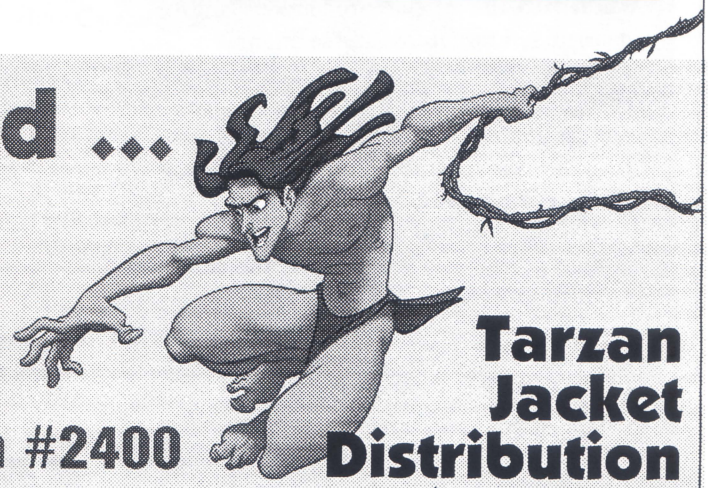
From Artist Development

Jackets Required ...

(But a loincloth will do just fine!)

Monday-Wednesday, December 21-23

Southside: Juliet Nees #2316
Northside: Victoria Stevenson #2400
Plaza: Eileen Aguirre #313



Tarzan Jacket Distribution This Week!

More Jacket News

If you missed the holiday gift,

they're coming your way.

Read upcoming Barks for delivery dates.

Today in History ...

Here are some fun December facts.

December 21:

- The shortest day of the year
- The first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The date the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620.
- Apollo 8 began its first moon voyage in 1968.

December 22:

- Begins the sign of Capricorn (ambitious, loyal, blunt)
- Thomas Edison invented Christmas tree lights

December 26

- Begins Kwanzaa, a seven-day African-American cultural celebration of the harvest; "kwanzaa" is a Swahili word for "fresh fruits"

FEATURE ANIMATION OPEN POSITIONS

This page lists the open positions available as of **12/21/98** in California, Florida and Paris. If you have any questions please call **Christy Bundy** at **8247 x2528**.

JOB CHANGES

You are eligible to pursue a **lateral job change** if the end date of your current assignment assignment coincides with the start date of position you are interested in.

If no start date is identified, and you are interested in the position, please complete and submit an Interest Form. These will be forwarded to the proper productions and/or departments for future consideration.

You are eligible to pursue a **promotional job change** regardless of the end date of your current assignment and the start date of the open position so as not to hinder your opportunities for advancement.

It is customary to be in your current position for at least one year or be at the end of production before transferring into a new position.

TO PURSUE AN OPEN POSITION:

- Talk with your current AP/Supervisor about your interest in any of these open positions.
- Contact Christy Bundy at 8247 x2528 in the Recruitment Department for an Open Position Interest Form.
- After filling out the Open Position Interest Form, return it along with a copy of your **current resumé** to:

  Recruitment Department
  Attn: Christy Bundy
  Mail Code 7454

- Or, you can fax the Interest Form and your resumé to **8247 x2547**.
- The Recruitment Department will verify the receipt of your form and will forward it to the appropriate productions/departments you have listed.
- You will be notified within two weeks of the status of the position.

CALIFORNIA STUDIO

DIGITAL PRODUCTION - Pamela Focht

Available Positions		*Start Date*
1	Model Dev. Tech Lead- All Productions	ASAP
1	Look Dev. Tech Lead- All Productions	ASAP

OVERHEAD/PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT - Gina Aarniokoski

Available Positions		*Start Date*
1	Sr. Secretary, Creative Development	ASAP

OVERHEAD/PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT - Lisa Buch

Available Positions		*Start Date*
1	Traditional Training Specialist	ASAP

FLORIDA STUDIO

OVERHEAD/PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT - Jennie Calleja

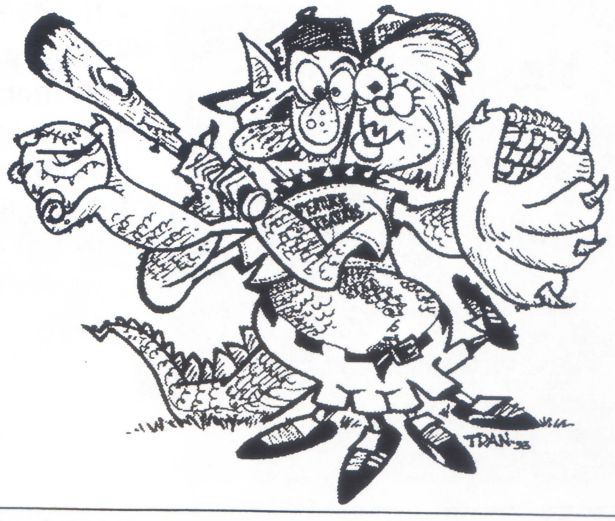
Available Positions		
1	Systems Administrator	ASAP
1	TRS/Media Services	1/99
1	Executive Secretary, *John Henry*	ASAP
1	Communications Manager	ASAP
1	Production Assistant, CAPS	1/99
1	Production Assistant, Color Models	1/99

PLEASE NOTE: *Not all Florida positions include relocation benefits. Please check with Human Resources regarding any questions you may have.*

FAME AND FORTUNE!!

Well, fame, at least, can be yours! The *Twilight Bark* is looking for talented cartoonists and caricaturists to contribute to our pages in the coming year. If you're an aspiring cartoonist/caricaturist/humorist and would like to be part of the "Feature Animation Funnies," please send your submissions and ideas to the *Twilight Bark*, mail code 7410 or via Quickmail. If you have any questions about submissions, please give me a call at **8247 x2536.**

-- Heseon, Editor



"Feature Creatures"
by T. Dan Hofstedt
Twilight Bark archives

COMMISSARY MENUS · DECEMBER 21-25

Northside	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Bird	Cinnamon French Toast			Open for Breakfast Commissary Will Close at Noon Limited Service	Commissary Closed Have a Safe & Happy Holiday from the Commissary Staff
Soup du Jour	Chicken Noodles	Corn & Basil	Eggplant Bisque; Chicken w/Lentil		
Fitness Entrée	Chicken Breast & Rosemary Garlic	Herb-Marinated Steak & Onions	Baked Broiled Cod Filet		
Chef's Feature	Southern Style Meatloaf	Vegetarian Lasagna	Veal Parmesan		
Theme Cuisine	Totally Tortellini!	Sandwich Provencal	Sizzling Caesar Salad		
Panini	Grilled Chicken Sundried Tomato & Mozzarella	Turkey Club Wrap	Tandoori Chicken on Focaccia		
Salad Gourmet	Grilled Chicken Caesar	Black Bean, Corn & Jicama	Penne Pasta w/Roasted Vegetables		
Northside Grille	Reuben	Bacon Cheeseburger	Cajun Grilled Chicken Breast		

Starting in January, Commissary Menus will be retired from the pages of the Twilight Bark. Please pick up a menu located at the Northside and Southside Commissary entrances.

Southside	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Special	Pigs in a Blanket	Big Apple Breakfast	Cinnamon French Toast	Open for Breakfast Commissary will be Closed at 1 p.m. Limited Service	Commissary Closed Have a Safe & Happy Holiday from the Commissary Staff
Soup Special	Chicken Tortilla	Cream of Potato	Spicy Beef & Rice		
Chef's Feature	Batter Fried Cod	Italian Lasagna	Meatball Stroganoff		
Entrée	Leek & Mushroom Strudel	Southern Fried Chicken	Lemon Baked Chicken		
Cafe Grille	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Pecan Pork on a Baguette	Grilled Eggplant & Veggie Melt		
Deli	Shaved Turkey, Cheese & Bacon	Grilled Chicken on a Croissant	Roasted Garlic Chicken Club		
Panini	Turkey Club Wrap	Capicola Salmi & Provolone	Grilled Teriyaki Beef Salad Wrap		
Charcuterie Salads	Cauliflower & Tortellini	Carrot Peanut Slaw	Black Bean & Jicama		

FEATURE ANIMATION EVENTS CALENDAR
DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1, 1999

21 MONDAY **22 TUESDAY** **23 WEDNESDAY** **24 THURSDAY** **25 FRIDAY**

winter solstice

Get Your Tarzan Jacket

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday see page 5

Feature Animation Closes at Noon

Studio Closed

Happy Holidays

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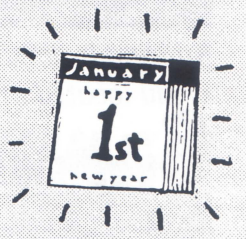
28 MONDAY **29 TUESDAY** **30 WEDNESDAY** **31 THURSDAY** **1 FRIDAY**

Northside & Southside Commissary Hours This Week: Closing at 2 p.m.

1/2 OFF SALE
DISNEY STUDIO STORE
7A.M. - 8 P.M.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year's Eve!

Studio Closed



Happy New Year!

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Pickups at Southside on the Quarter-Hour (example 1:15, 1:45)

Save the Date

January

- 1 through 22 - Mulan Cels Display @ Northside
- 22 through 29 - Mulan Cels Display @ Plaza Fifth Floor

BABYSITTING THE BARK:

Guest editors Nancy Evans and Eileen Aguirre will fill in for me during the next two weeks while I am on jury duty. If you need information, please contact them with any questions. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Hope to hear from you soon in the new year!

-- *Heseon, Editor*

Bark Questions, Comments?

Please contact **Nancy Evans (8247 x2539)** or **Eileen Aguirre (8247 x2538).**

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HOW TO REACH THE TWILIGHT BARK:
If you have news, ideas or suggestions you'd like to share, please address them to **Heseon Park,** Editor, at **mail code 7410.** Letters to the editor are always welcome.

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